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# JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT<sup>1</sup>

## **CHIEF JUDGE SIDNEY R. THOMAS**

Judge Thomas is currently serving a seven-year term as chief judge. President Clinton nominated Judge Thomas to the Ninth Circuit on July 19, 1995, and the Senate confirmed him on January 2, 1996. He received his B.A. from Montana State University in 1975, and his J.D. from the University of Montana School of Law in 1978.

Judge Thomas practiced law with the firm of Moulton, Bellingham, Longo & Mather from 1978 until his appointment to the Ninth Circuit. He served as an Adjunct Instructor at Rocky Mountain College from 1982 to 1995.

Judge Thomas maintains his chambers in Billings, Montana.

## **SENIOR JUDGE ALFRED T. GOODWIN**

President Nixon nominated Judge Goodwin to the Ninth Circuit on November 3, 1971, and the Senate confirmed him on November 23, 1971. He served as chief judge from 1988 until 1991. He assumed senior status on January 31, 1991. Judge Goodwin received both his B.A., in 1947, and his J.D., in 1951, from the University of Oregon.

Judge Goodwin served as a Captain in the United States Army from 1943 to 1946 and served in the Army Reserve as a judge advocate from 1960 to 1969, attaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Judge Goodwin was a circuit judge for the Second Judicial District of Oregon from 1955 to 1960, an associate justice of the Oregon Supreme Court from 1960 to 1969, and a United States district court judge for the District of Oregon from 1969 until his appointment to the Ninth Circuit.

Judge Goodwin maintains his chambers in Pasadena, California.

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<sup>1</sup> These biographies have been primarily derived from the following sources: FEDERAL JUDICIAL CENTER, BIOGRAPHICAL DIRECTORY OF FEDERAL JUDGES, [www.fjc.gov/history/judges.html](http://www.fjc.gov/history/judges.html) (last visited November 27, 2015); UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT, THE JUDGES OF THIS COURT IN ORDER OF SENIORITY, [www.ca9.uscourts.gov/content/view\\_seniority\\_list.php](http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/content/view_seniority_list.php) (last visited November 27, 2015).

**SENIOR JUDGE JOHN CLIFFORD WALLACE**

President Nixon nominated Judge Wallace to the Ninth Circuit on May 22, 1972, and the Senate confirmed him on June 28, 1972. Judge Wallace served as Chief Judge of the Ninth Circuit from 1991 until 1996. He assumed senior status on April 8, 1996. Judge Wallace received his B.A. from San Diego State University in 1952, and his LL.B. from the University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law in 1955.

Judge Wallace served as a Second Class Petty Officer in the United States Navy from 1946 to 1949. After law school, Judge Wallace practiced with Gray, Cary, Ames & Frye in San Diego from 1955 until 1970, when he began his service as a judge in the United States District Court for the Southern District of California, serving until his appointment to the Ninth Circuit in 1972.

Judge Wallace maintains his chambers in San Diego, California.

**SENIOR JUDGE PROCTER RALPH HUG JR.**

President Carter nominated Judge Hug to the Ninth Circuit on August 29, 1977, and the Senate confirmed him on September 15, 1977. He served as chief judge from 1996 to 2000. He assumed senior status on January 1, 2002. Judge Hug received his B.S. from the University of Nevada, Reno in 1953, and his J.D. from Stanford Law School in 1958.

Judge Hug served in the United States Navy from 1954 to 1955, obtaining the rank Lieutenant. After receiving his J.D., he worked in private practice from 1958 to 1977. He was also appointed as Deputy Attorney General for the State of Nevada. In addition, he served as General Counsel to the University of Nevada System from 1972 to 1976.

Judge Hug maintains his chambers in Reno, Nevada.

**SENIOR JUDGE MARY M. SCHROEDER**

President Carter nominated Judge Schroeder to the Ninth Circuit on May 3, 1979, and the Senate confirmed her on September 25, 1979. Judge Schroeder served as chief judge of the Ninth Circuit from 2000 to 2007. She was the Ninth Circuit's first female chief judge. She assumed senior status on December 31, 2011. Judge Schroeder received her B.A. from Swarthmore College in 1962, and her J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School in 1965, where she was one of only six women in her law school class.

Judge Schroeder practiced as a trial attorney in the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice from 1965 to 1969. She clerked for Arizona Supreme Court Justice Jesse A. Udall from 1969 to 1970. Judge Schroeder entered the private sector in 1971, working for Lewis

and Roca in Phoenix, Arizona until 1975. As a lawyer in Arizona, she chaired the committee that drafted and secured passage of Arizona's first civil rights law. From 1975 to 1979, Judge Schroeder served on the Arizona Court of Appeals. Judge Schroeder also served as Visiting Instructor at the Arizona State University Law School from 1975 to 1976 and in 1978, and as a Lecturer at Duke University in 1995.

Judge Schroeder maintains her chambers in Phoenix, Arizona

### **SENIOR JUDGE JOSEPH J. FARRIS**

President Carter nominated Judge Farris to the Ninth Circuit on July 12, 1979, and the Senate confirmed him on September 26, 1979. Judge Farris assumed senior status on March 4, 1995. Judge Farris received his B.S. from Morehouse College in 1951, his M.S.W. from Atlanta University in 1955, and his J.D. from University of Washington in 1958.

Judge Farris practiced in the private sector in Seattle from 1958 to 1969. Prior to his appointment to the Ninth Circuit, Judge Farris was a judge for the Washington State Court of Appeals from 1969 to 1979.

Judge Farris maintains his chambers in Seattle, Washington.

### **JUDGE HARRY PREGERSON**

President Carter nominated Judge Pregerson to the Ninth Circuit on August 28, 1979, and the Senate confirmed him on October 31, 1979. Judge Pregerson received his B.A. from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1947, and his LL.B. from University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law in 1950.

Judge Pregerson earned a Purple Heart in Okinawa while in the Marine Corps, in which he served as First Lieutenant from 1944 to 1946. After law school, he practiced in the private sector in Los Angeles, California from 1951 to 1965. Thereafter, Judge Pregerson served as a municipal court judge in 1965 and superior court judge in 1966 in Los Angeles before being appointed as a United States District Court judge for the Central District of California in 1967, where he remained until his appointment to the Ninth Circuit in 1979.

Judge Pregerson maintains his chambers in Woodland Hills, California.

### **SENIOR JUDGE DORTHY W. NELSON**

President Carter nominated Judge Nelson to the Ninth Circuit on September 28, 1979, and the Senate confirmed her on December 19, 1979. Judge Nelson assumed senior status on January 1, 1995. She received her A.B. in 1950 from the University of California, Los Angeles, and her

J.D. in 1953 from the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law. In 1956, she received an LL.M. from the University of Southern California Law School.

Judge Nelson began her career at the University of Southern California Law School as a Research Associate Fellow. During this time, she also practiced in the private sector from 1954 to 1957. She continued to work for the University from 1957 to 1980, as an Instructor from 1957 to 1958, Assistant Professor from 1958 to 1961, Associate Professor from 1961 to 1967, Professor from 1967 to 1980, Associate Dean from 1965 to 1967, and Dean from 1967 to 1980. Since 1980, Judge Nelson has been an Adjunct Professor for the University.

Judge Nelson maintains her chambers in Pasadena, California.

### **SENIOR JUDGE WILLIAM C. CANBY, JR.**

President Carter nominated Judge Canby to the Ninth Circuit on April 2, 1980, and the Senate confirmed him on May 21, 1980. On May 23, 1996, Judge Canby assumed senior status. After graduating Phi Beta Kappa with a B.A. from Yale University in 1953, Judge Canby received his LL.B. from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1956.

Judge Canby was a Lieutenant in the JAG Corps of the United States Air Force from 1956 to 1958. Judge Canby served as clerk to Justice Charles Whittaker of the United States Supreme Court from 1958 to 1959. He then joined Oppenheimer, Hodgson, Brown, Baer & Wolf in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he practiced until 1962. From 1962 to 1964, Judge Canby worked as the Associate Director and then Deputy Director for the Peace Corps in Ethiopia. Judge Canby then served as the Director for the Peace Corps in Uganda from 1964 to 1966. In 1966, he served as Special Assistant to United States Senator Walter Mondale. Judge Canby also taught as a Professor of Law at Arizona State University from 1967 to 1980, and as a Fulbright Professor at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda, from 1970 to 1971.

Judge Canby maintains his chambers in Phoenix, Arizona.

### **JUDGE STEPHEN R REINHARDT**

President Carter nominated Judge Reinhardt to the Ninth Circuit on November 30, 1979, and the Senate confirmed him on September 11, 1980. Judge Reinhardt received his B.A. from Pomona College in 1951, and his LL.B. from Yale Law School in 1954.

From 1954 to 1956, he was a member of the United States Air Force, receiving the rank of Lieutenant. Judge Reinhardt was a law clerk for Judge Luther W. Youngdahl at the United States District Court for the District of Columbia from 1956 to 1957. He entered private practice in

Los Angeles from 1957 to 1980. He served on the United States Commission on Civil Rights from 1962 to 1974, and was Vice Chairman from 1969 to 1974. From 1978 to 1980, he chaired the Los Angeles Police Commission. Additionally, Judge Reinhardt was a Secretary of the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee for the 1984 Olympic Games.

Judge Reinhardt maintains his chambers in Los Angeles, California.

### **JUDGE ALEX KOZINSKI**

President Reagan nominated Judge Kozinski to the Ninth Circuit on June 5, 1985, and the Senate confirmed him on November 7, 1985. He attended the University of California, Los Angeles, where he received his A.B. in 1972, and his J.D. in 1975 from the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law.

Judge Kozinski clerked for Judge Anthony M. Kennedy of the Ninth Circuit from 1975 to 1976 and for Chief Justice Warren E. Burger of the United States Supreme Court from 1976 to 1977. He then went into private practice from 1977 to 1979. Judge Kozinski was the Deputy Legal Counsel for the Office of the President-Elect from 1980 to 1981, the Assistant Counsel for the Office of Counsel to the President in 1981, and Special Counsel of the Merit Systems Protection Board from 1981 to 1982. From 1982 to 1985, Judge Kozinski was the chief judge of the United States Court of Claims in Washington, D.C.

Judge Kozinski maintains his chambers in Pasadena, California.

### **SENIOR JUDGE JOHN T. NOONAN, JR.**

President Reagan nominated Judge Noonan to the Ninth Circuit on October 16, 1985, and the Senate confirmed him on December 16, 1985. He assumed senior status on December 27, 1996. Judge Noonan received his B.A. in 1946 from Harvard College, his M.A., in 1949, and his Ph.D., in 1951, from Catholic University of America, and his LL.B. in 1954 from Harvard Law School.

Judge Noonan served on the National Security Council Special Staff from 1954 to 1955 and practiced with Herrick, Smith, Donald, Farley & Ketchum in Boston, Massachusetts from 1955 to 1960. Judge Noonan was an Associate Professor of Law from 1961 to 1963, and Professor of Law from 1963 to 1966 at University of Notre Dame Law School. From 1966 to 1986, he was a Professor of Law at the University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law.

Judge Noonan maintains his chambers in San Francisco, California.

**JUDGE DIARMUID F. O'SCANNLAIN**

President Reagan nominated Judge O'Scannlain to the Ninth Circuit on August 11, 1986, and the Senate confirmed him on September 25, 1986. Judge O'Scannlain received his B.A. from St. John's University in 1957, his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1963, and an LL.M. from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1992.

Prior to his appointment to the appellate bench, Judge O'Scannlain served in the United States Army Reserve, Judge Advocate General Corps, from 1955 to 1978. He was a tax attorney for Standard Oil Company of New Jersey and New York City from 1963 to 1965 and maintained a private practice in Portland, Oregon from 1965 to 1969 and 1975 to 1986. Judge O'Scannlain also served as Deputy Attorney General for the Oregon Department of Justice from 1969 to 1971, Commissioner of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon from 1971 to 1973, and Director of the Oregon State Department of Environmental Quality from 1973 to 1974. He was a Consultant for the Office of the President-Elect of the United States from 1980 to 1981, Team Leader for the President's Private Sector Survey on Cost Control ("Grace Commission") from 1982 to 1983, and the Chairman of the Advisory Panel to the United States Secretary of Energy from 1983 to 1985.

Judge O'Scannlain maintains his chambers in Portland, Oregon.

**SENIOR JUDGE EDWARD LEAVY**

President Reagan nominated Judge Leavy to the Ninth Circuit on February 2, 1987, and the Senate confirmed him on March 20, 1987. He assumed senior status on May 19, 1997. Judge Leavy received his A.B. from the University of Portland in 1950, and his LL.B. from University of Notre Dame Law School in 1953.

Judge Leavy briefly entered private practice upon finishing law school and then became Deputy District Attorney for Lane County, Oregon from 1954 to 1957. He served as a judge for the District Court of Lane County from 1957 to 1961, judge for the Circuit Court of Lane County from 1961 to 1976, and Justice *pro tempore* of the Oregon Supreme Court in 1974. From 1976 to 1984, Judge Leavy served as a magistrate judge in the United States District Court for the District of Oregon. In 1984, he was appointed as an Article III judge in the same court, where he served until his appointment to the Ninth Circuit.

Judge Leavy maintains his chambers in Portland, Oregon.

## **SENIOR JUDGE STEPHEN S. TROTT**

President Reagan nominated Judge Trott to the Ninth Circuit on August 7, 1987, and the Senate confirmed him on March 24, 1988. He assumed senior status on December 31, 2004. He received his B.A. from Wesleyan University in 1962, and his LL.B. from Harvard Law School in 1965.

Judge Trott worked at the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office from 1966 to 1981, where he was chief from 1975 to 1979. From 1981 to 1983, Judge Trott served as U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California. From 1983 to 1986, he served as Assistant Attorney General at the United States Department of Justice's Criminal Division. He became Associate Attorney General in 1986, where he served until appointed to the Ninth Circuit.

Judge Trott maintains his chambers in Boise, Idaho.

## **SENIOR JUDGE FERDINAND F. FERNANDEZ**

President George H.W. Bush nominated Judge Fernandez to the Ninth Circuit on February 28, 1989, and the Senate confirmed him on May 18, 1989. Judge Fernandez assumed senior status on June 1, 2002. He received both his B.S., in 1958, and his J.D., in 1962, from the University of Southern California. Judge Fernandez obtained an LL.M. from Harvard Law School in 1963.

Judge Fernandez clerked for Judge William M. Byrne of the United States District Court for the Central District in California from 1963 to 1964. He then entered private practice from 1964 to 1980. From 1980 to 1985, Judge Fernandez served as a judge for the San Bernardino Superior Court. Prior to his appointment to the Ninth Circuit, he was a United States District Court judge in the Central District of California from 1985 to 1989.

Judge Fernandez maintains his chambers in Pasadena, California.

## **SENIOR JUDGE ANDREW J. KLEINFELD**

President George H.W. Bush nominated Judge Kleinfeld to the Ninth Circuit on May 23, 1991, and the Senate confirmed him on September 12, 1991. He assumed senior status on June 12, 2010. Judge Kleinfeld received his B.A. from Wesleyan University in 1966, and his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1969.

After law school, Judge Kleinfeld was a law clerk for Alaska Supreme Court Justice J. A. Rabinowitz from 1969 to 1971. He then served as magistrate judge in the United States District Court for the District of Alaska from 1971 to 1974. At this time, he also maintained a private



practice in Fairbanks, Alaska from 1971 to 1986. In 1986, Judge Kleinfeld was appointed as an Article III judge in the United States District Court, where he served until his nomination to the Ninth Circuit.

Judge Kleinfeld maintains his chambers in Fairbanks, Alaska.

## **SENIOR JUDGE MICHAEL D. HAWKINS**

President Clinton nominated Judge Hawkins to the Ninth Circuit on July 13, 1994, and the Senate confirmed him on September 14, 1994. He assumed senior status on February 12, 2010. Judge Hawkins received both his B.A., in 1967, and his J.D., in 1970, from Arizona State University. He received an LL.M. from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1998.

Judge Hawkins served in the United States Marine Corps as a Special Court Martial military judge from 1970 to 1973, attaining the rank of Captain. He practiced in the private sector from 1973 to 1976. He then served as U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona from 1977 to 1980, after which he returned to the private sector as a partner at Daughton, Hawkins, Brockelman, Guinan & Patterson, until his appointment to the Ninth Circuit. Judge Hawkins also served as Special Prosecutor for the Navajo Nation from 1985 to 1989.

Judge Hawkins maintains his chambers in Phoenix, Arizona.

## **SENIOR JUDGE A. WALLACE TASHIMA**

President Clinton nominated Judge Tashima to the Ninth Circuit on April 6, 1995, and the Senate confirmed him on January 2, 1996. He assumed senior status on June 30, 2004. He received his B.A. from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1958, and his LL.B. from Harvard Law School in 1961.

Judge Tashima served as a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps in Korea from 1953 to 1956. After law school, he served as Deputy State Attorney General for California from 1961 to 1967. He then worked as an attorney for Spreckels Sugar Division of Amstar Corporation from 1968 to 1972 and became General Attorney and Vice President of Amstar Corporation from 1972 to 1977. Judge Tashima practiced law in the Los Angeles office of Morrison & Foerster from 1977 to 1980. Prior to his appointment to the Ninth Circuit, Judge Tashima served as a judge in the United States District Court for the Central District of California from 1980 to 1996.

Judge Tashima maintains his chambers in Pasadena, California.

## **JUDGE BARRY G. SILVERMAN**

President Clinton nominated Judge Silverman to the Ninth Circuit on November 8, 1997, and the Senate confirmed him on January 28, 1998. Judge Silverman received his B.A. in 1973 from Arizona State University, and his J.D. in 1976 from Arizona State University College of Law.

Judge Silverman was the Assistant City Prosecutor in Phoenix, Arizona from 1976 to 1977, Deputy County Attorney for Maricopa County from 1977 to 1979, and Maricopa County Superior Court Commissioner from 1979 to 1984. Additionally, he served as a Superior Court judge in Arizona from 1984 to 1995. From 1995 to 1998, he was a magistrate judge in the United States District Court for the District of Arizona.

Judge Silverman maintains his chambers in Phoenix, Arizona.

## **JUDGE SUSAN P. GRABER**

President Clinton nominated Judge Graber to the Ninth Circuit on July 30, 1997, and the Senate confirmed her on March 17, 1998. Judge Graber received her B.A. at Wellesley College in 1969, and her J.D. from Yale Law School in 1972.

After graduating law school, Judge Graber worked as an Assistant Attorney General in the New Mexico Bureau of Revenue from 1972 to 1974. For the next fourteen years, she practiced in the private sector. In 1986, she was awarded the Founders Award from Pro Bono Service for the Northwest Women's Law Center. She served as the presiding judge of Department 3 at the Oregon Court of Appeals from 1988 to 1990 and as an associate justice on the Oregon Supreme Court from 1990 until her appointment to the Ninth Circuit.

Judge Graber maintains her chambers in Portland, Oregon.

## **JUDGE M. MARGARET McKEOWN**

President Clinton nominated Judge McKeown to the Ninth Circuit on January 7, 1997, and the Senate confirmed her on March 27, 1998. Judge McKeown received her B.A. from the University of Wyoming in 1972, and her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in 1975.

Judge McKeown maintained a private law practice in Seattle, Washington from 1975 to 1998. During that time, she was selected to be a White House Fellow, serving as a Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Interior, Cecil Andrus, from 1980 to 1981.

Judge McKeown maintains her chambers in San Diego, California.

**JUDGE KIM M. WARDLAW**

President Clinton nominated Judge Wardlaw to the Ninth Circuit on January 27, 1998, and the Senate confirmed her on July 31, 1998. She received her A.B. from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1976, and a J.D. in 1979 from the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law.

After law school, she clerked for Judge William P. Gray of the United States District Court for the Central District of California until 1980. She worked with the firm O'Melveny & Myers in Pasadena, California from 1980 to 1996. Judge Wardlaw was a member of Justice Team I of the Clinton-Gore Presidential Transition Team from 1992 to 1993 and a member of Mayoral Transition Committee for Los Angeles Mayor-Elect Richard Riordan in 1993. From 1995 until her appointment to the Ninth Circuit, she served as an Article III judge in the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

Judge Wardlaw maintains her chambers in Pasadena, California.

**JUDGE WILLIAM A. FLETCHER**

President Clinton nominated Judge William Fletcher to the Ninth Circuit on January 7, 1997. He was confirmed by the Senate on October 8, 1998. Judge Fletcher received two B.A. degrees, one from Harvard College in 1968, and one from Oxford University in 1970. He received his J.D. from Yale Law School in 1975.

Prior to receiving his J.D., Judge Fletcher served as a Lieutenant in the United States Navy from 1970 to 1972. Judge Fletcher clerked for Judge Stanley Weigel of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California from 1975 to 1976 and for United States Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan, Jr. from 1976 to 1977. Judge Fletcher was a Professor of Law at the University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law from 1977 to 1998. Judge Fletcher is the son of Senior Judge Betty Fletcher, who passed away in 2012.

Judge Fletcher maintains his chambers in San Francisco, California.

**SENIOR JUDGE RAYMOND C. FISHER**

President Clinton nominated Judge Fisher to the Ninth Circuit on March 15, 1999, and the Senate confirmed him on October 5, 1999. Judge Fisher received his B.A. from the University of California, Santa Barbara in 1961, and his LL.B. from Stanford Law School in 1966, where he was President of the Stanford Law Review.

After law school, Judge Fisher clerked for Circuit Judge J. Skelly Wright of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Colum-

bia Circuit from 1966 to 1967 and for United States Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan, Jr. from 1967 to 1968. Judge Fisher entered private practice from 1968 to 1997, which included working at Tuttle & Taylor in Los Angeles from 1968 to 1988. During this time, he also served as Deputy General Counsel for the Independent Commission on the Los Angeles Police Department in 1990 and as President of the Los Angeles Police Commission from 1995 to 1997. Prior to his appointment to the Ninth Circuit, Judge Fisher served as the Associate Attorney General from 1997 to 1999, under President Clinton.

Judge Fisher maintains his chambers in Pasadena, California.

### **JUDGE RONALD M. GOULD**

President Clinton nominated Judge Gould to the Ninth Circuit on January 26, 1999, and the Senate confirmed him on November 17, 1999. Judge Gould received his B.S. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1968, and his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School in 1973.

After graduating law school, Judge Gould clerked for Judge Wade McCree of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit until 1974 and for United States Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart from 1974 to 1975. From 1975 until 1999, Judge Gould practiced law with Perkins Coie in Seattle, Washington. Judge Gould was also an Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Washington Law School from 1986 to 1989.

Judge Gould maintains his chambers in Seattle, Washington.

### **JUDGE RICHARD A. PAEZ**

President Clinton nominated Judge Paez to the Ninth Circuit on January 26, 1999, and the Senate confirmed him on March 9, 2000. Judge Paez received his B.A. from Brigham Young University in 1969, and his J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law in 1972.

After law school, Judge Paez spent several years in the public interest sector. He held staff attorney positions at California Rural Legal Assistance from 1972 to 1974, and the Western Center on Law and Poverty in Los Angeles from 1974 to 1976. At the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, he served as Senior Counsel from 1976 to 1978, Director of Litigation from 1978 to 1979, Deputy Director of Litigation from 1979 to 1980, and Acting Executive Director and Director of Litigation from 1980 to 1981. In 1981, he was appointed to the Los Angeles Municipal Court. In 1994, President Clinton appointed him to the United States District Court for the Central District of California, where he served until his appointment to the Ninth Circuit.

### **JUDGE MARSHA S. BERZON**

President Clinton nominated Judge Berzon to the Ninth Circuit on January 26, 1999, and the Senate confirmed her on March 9, 2000. She received her B.A. from Radcliffe College in 1966, and her J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law in 1973.

After law school, Judge Berzon clerked for Judge James R. Browning of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit until 1974, and for United States Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan, Jr., from 1974 to 1975. She practiced in the private sector in Washington D.C. from 1975 to 1977, and at San Francisco's Altshuler Berzon LLP from 1978 until her appointment to the Ninth Circuit.

Judge Berzon maintains her chambers in San Francisco, California

### **JUDGE RICHARD C. TALLMAN**

President Clinton nominated Judge Tallman to the Ninth Circuit on October 20, 1999, and the Senate confirmed him on May 24, 2000. Judge Tallman received his B.Sc. from the University of Santa Clara in 1975, and his J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law in 1978.

After law school, Judge Tallman clerked for Judge Morell E. Sharp of the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington until 1979. Judge Tallman then worked in the Criminal Division of the United States Department of Justice as a trial attorney from 1979 to 1980, and served as Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Washington from 1980 to 1983. After entering private practice in 1983, he joined Bogle & Gates as chairman of its white-collar criminal defense practice group in 1990. Judge Tallman co-founded Tallman & Severin in 1999, which specializes in white-collar criminal defense and complex federal commercial litigation.

Judge Tallman maintains his chambers in Seattle, Washington.

### **JUDGE JOHNNIE B. RAWLINSON**

President Clinton nominated Judge Rawlinson to the Ninth Circuit on February 22, 2000, and the Senate confirmed her on July 21, 2000. With this appointment, Judge Rawlinson became the first African-American woman to serve on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Rawlinson received her B.S. from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in 1974, and her J.D. from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law in 1979.

Judge Rawlinson entered private practice in Las Vegas, Nevada from 1979 to 1980. She then served as a staff attorney for Nevada Legal Services in 1980. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Rawlinson spent eighteen years with the Office of the District Attorney in Las Vegas, Nevada. First, she served as Deputy District Attorney from 1980 to 1989, then as Chief Deputy District Attorney from 1989 to 1995, and finally as Assistant District Attorney from 1995 to 1998. From 1998 until her appointment to the Ninth Circuit, Judge Rawlinson was a United States District Court judge for the District of Nevada.

Judge Rawlinson maintains her chambers in Las Vegas, Nevada.

### **JUDGE RICHARD R. CLIFTON**

President George W. Bush nominated Judge Clifton to the Ninth Circuit on September 4, 2001, and the Senate confirmed him on July 18, 2002. Judge Clifton received his A.B. from Princeton University in 1972, and his J.D. from Yale Law School in 1975.

After law school, Judge Clifton clerked for Judge Herbert Y.C. Choy of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit from 1975 to 1976. Judge Clifton maintained a private practice in Honolulu, Hawaii, from 1977 to 2002, where he also served as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Hawaii, Richardson School of Law, from 1978 to 1980 and again from 1983 to 1989.

Judge Clifton maintains his chambers in Honolulu, Hawaii.

### **JUDGE JAY S. BYBEE**

President George W. Bush nominated Judge Bybee to the Ninth Circuit on January 7, 2003, and the Senate confirmed him on March 13, 2003. Judge Bybee received his B.A. in 1977 from Brigham Young University and his J.D. in 1980 from Brigham Young University, J. Reuben Clark Law School.

After law school, Judge Bybee clerked for Judge Donald Russell of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit until 1981. He went into private practice in Washington D.C. from 1981 to 1984. Judge Bybee served as an attorney for the Office of Legal Policy, U.S. Department of Justice from 1984 to 1986, attorney for the Civil Division, U.S. Department of Justice from 1986 to 1989, Associate Counsel to the President from 1989 to 1991, and served as Assistant Attorney General of the Office of Legal Counsel, U.S. Department of Justice prior to his appointment to the federal bench. Judge Bybee also helped found the William S. Boyd School of Law at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, where he was a Professor of Law from 1999 to 2000.

Judge Bybee maintains his chambers in Las Vegas, Nevada.

**JUDGE CONSUELO M. CALLAHAN**

President George W. Bush nominated Judge Callahan to the Ninth Circuit on February 12, 2003, and the Senate confirmed her on May 22, 2003. She received her A.B. from Stanford University in 1972, her J.D. from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law in 1975, and her LL.M. from the University of Virginia School of Law in 2004.

Judge Callahan served as Deputy City Attorney in Stockton from 1975 to 1976. From 1976 to 1986, Judge Callahan first held the position of Deputy District Attorney and then Supervisory District Attorney in San Joaquin County, California. In 1992, Judge Callahan became the first Hispanic woman to serve on the San Joaquin County Superior Court. She was elevated to the California Court of Appeal for the Third District in 1996, where she served until her appointment to the Ninth Circuit in 2003. Judge Callahan became the second of only two Hispanic members of the Ninth Circuit, joining Judge Kim McLane Wardlaw.

Judge Callahan maintains her chambers in Sacramento, California.

**JUDGE CARLOS T. BEA**

President George W. Bush nominated Judge Bea to the Ninth Circuit on April 11, 2003, and the Senate confirmed him on September 29, 2003. Born in San Sebastian, Spain, Judge Bea's parents immigrated to Cuba. Judge Bea received his B.A. in 1956 from Stanford University, and his J.D. in 1958 from Stanford Law School.

Judge Bea spent more than thirty years in private practice before his appointment to the San Francisco Superior Court in 1990, where he sat until his appointment to the federal bench in 2003.

Judge Bea maintains his chambers in San Francisco, California.

**JUDGE MILAN D. SMITH, JR.**

President George W. Bush nominated Judge Smith to the Ninth Circuit on February 14, 2006, and the Senate confirmed him on May 16, 2006. Judge Smith received his B.A. from Brigham Young University in 1966, and his J.D. from University of Chicago Law School in 1969.

Judge Smith worked in private practice in Los Angeles, California from 1969 to 2006. He served as President of the Los Angeles State Building Authority from 1983 to 1991 and General Counsel from 1991 to 2006. Judge Smith also served as Vice Chairman of the California Fair Employment and Housing Commission from 1987 to 1991.

Judge Smith maintains his chambers in El Segundo, California.



## **JUDGE SANDRA S. IKUTA**

President George W. Bush nominated Judge Ikuta to the Ninth Circuit on February 8, 2006, and the Senate confirmed her on June 19, 2006. Judge Ikuta received her A.B. from the University of California, Berkeley in 1976, her M.S. from Columbia University in 1978, and her J.D. from University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law in 1988.

After graduating law school, Judge Ikuta clerked for Judge Alex Kozinski from 1988 to 1989 and for United States Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor from 1989 to 1990. Judge Ikuta worked in private practice in California at O'Melveny & Myers from 1990 to 2004, and served as Deputy Secretary and General Counsel for the California Resources Agency from 2004 to 2006.

Judge Ikuta maintains her chambers in Pasadena, California.

## **JUDGE N. RANDY SMITH**

President George W. Bush nominated Judge Smith on January 16, 2007, and the Senate confirmed him on February 15, 2007. He received his B.S. in 1974 from Brigham Young University, and his J.D. in 1977 from Brigham Young University, Reuben Clark School of Law.

Judge Smith was first an associate and then Assistant General Counsel for J.R. Simplot Company from 1977 to 1981, and worked in private practice in Pocatello, Idaho from 1982 to 1995. He previously taught Accounting classes at Boise State University and Brigham Young University, and currently serves as an Adjunct Professor in Management and Political Science at Idaho State University. Prior to his appointment to the Ninth Circuit, he served as district judge for the Sixth Judicial District of Idaho from 1995 to 2007.

Judge Smith maintains his chambers in Pocatello, Idaho.

## **JUDGE MARY H. MURGUIA**

President Obama nominated Judge Murguia to the Ninth Circuit on March 25, 2010, and the Senate confirmed her on December 22, 2010. Judge Murguia received her B.A. and B.S. from the University of Kansas in 1982, and her J.D. from the University of Kansas Law School in 1985.

Judge Murguia served as an Assistant District Attorney for the Wyandotte County District Attorney's Office from 1985 to 1990. In 1990, she served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona until 2000. While at the U.S. Attorney's Office, Judge Murguia worked in the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys from 1998 to 2000, serving as Counsel to the Director's Staff from 1998 to 1999, Principal Deputy Director in 1999, and Director from 1999 to 2000. Before her appointment to the



Ninth Circuit, President Clinton appointed Judge Murguia to the United States District Court for the District of Arizona, where she served from 2000 to 2010.

Judge Murguia maintains her office in Phoenix, Arizona.

### **JUDGE MORGAN B. CHRISTEN**

President Obama nominated Judge Christen to the Ninth Circuit on May 18, 2011, and the Senate confirmed her on December 15, 2011. Judge Christen received her B.A. from University of Washington in 1983, and her J.D. from Golden Gate University School of Law in 1986.

After law school, Judge Christen clerked for Judge Brian Shortell of the Alaska Superior Court until 1987. Judge Christen went into private practice in Anchorage, Alaska from 1987 to 2002. From 2002 to 2009, she served as a judge for the Alaska Superior Court, acting as presiding judge from 2005 to 2009. From 2009 to 2011, Judge Christen served as a justice for the Alaska Supreme Court.

Judge Christen maintains her chambers in Anchorage, Alaska.

### **JUDGE JACQUELINE NGUYEN**

President Obama nominated Judge Nguyen to a new seat on the Ninth Circuit on September 22, 2011, and the Senate confirmed her on May 7, 2012. Judge Nguyen received her A.B. from Occidental College in 1987, and her J.D. from University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law in 1991.

After law school, Judge Nguyen went into private practice until 1994. She then became an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California from 1995 to 2002, where she served as Deputy Chief in the General Crimes Division from 2000 to 2002. In 2002, she became a judge for the Superior Court of California until her appointment to the United States District Court for the Central District of California in 2009. She served as an Article III judge until her appointment to the Ninth Circuit in 2012.

Judge Nguyen maintains her chambers in Pasadena, California.

### **JUDGE PAUL J. WATFORD**

President Obama nominated Judge Watford to the Ninth Circuit on October 17, 2011, and the Senate confirmed him on May 21, 2012. Judge Watford received his B.A. from University of California, Berkeley in 1989, and his J.D. from University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law in 1994.

After law school, Judge Watford clerked for Judge Alex Kozinski of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit from 1994 to 1995 and for United States Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg from 1995 to 1996. Judge Watford entered private practice in Los Angeles, California from 1996 to 1997, and again from 2000 to 2012. From 1997 to 2000, Judge Watford served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California. Judge Watford also taught at the University of Southern California, Gould School of Law as a Lecturer-in-Law from 2007 to 2009.

Judge Watford maintains his chambers in Pasadena, California.

### **JUDGE ANDREW D. HURWITZ**

President Obama nominated Judge Hurwitz to the Ninth Circuit on November 2, 2011, and the Senate confirmed him on June 12, 2012. Judge Hurwitz received his A.B. from Princeton University in 1968, and his J.D. from Yale Law School in 1972.

After his undergraduate studies, Judge Hurwitz served in the Connecticut National Guard from 1969 to 1973, and then in the United States Army Reserve from 1973 to 1975. Upon graduating law school, Judge Hurwitz clerked for Judge Jon O. Newman of the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut in 1972, for Judge J. Joseph Smith of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit from 1972 to 1973, and for United States Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart from 1973 to 1974. Judge Hurwitz entered private practice from 1974 to 1980, and again from 1983 to 2003. During a hiatus from private practice, Judge Hurwitz served as Chief of Staff to Governor Bruce Babbitt from 1980 to 1983. Judge Hurwitz is a faculty member for Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. In 2003, Judge Hurwitz became a justice for the Arizona Supreme Court until his appointment to the Ninth Circuit. He served as Vice Chief Justice from 2009 to 2012.

Judge Hurwitz maintains his chambers in Phoenix, Arizona.

### **JUDGE JOHN B. OWENS**

President Obama nominated Judge Owens to the Ninth Circuit on January 6, 2014, and the Senate confirmed him on March 31, 2014. Judge Owens received his B.A. from the University of California Berkeley in 1993, and his J.D. from Stanford Law School in 1996.

After law school, Judge Owens clerked for Judge J. Clifford Wallace of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit until 1997, and for Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg from 1997 to 1998. From 1998 to 1999, Judge Owens held the trial attorney position at the Office of Consumer Litigation of the United States Department of Jus-

tice, and went into private practice from 2000 to 2001. Judge Owens then held the positions of Assistant U.S. Attorney, Deputy Chief, and Chief in the Central and Southern Districts of California until 2011. From 2012 until his appointment to the Ninth Circuit, Judge Owens was in private practice at Munger, Tolles & Olson.

Judge Owens maintains his chambers in San Diego, California.

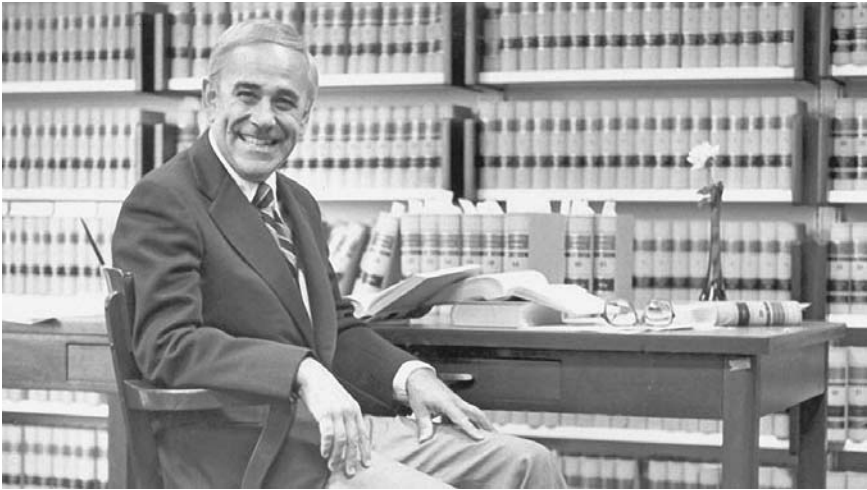
## **JUDGE MICHELLE T. FRIEDLAND**

President Obama nominated Judge Friedland to the Ninth Circuit on January 6, 2014, and the Senate confirmed her on April 28, 2014. Judge Friedland received her B.S. from Stanford University in 1995, and her J.D. from Stanford Law School in 2000.

After graduating law school, Judge Friedland clerked for Judge David Tatel of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit until 2001, and for Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor from 2001 to 2002. From 2002 to 2004, Judge Friedland was a Lecturer at Stanford Law School, and Judge Friedland was in private practice at Munger, Tolles & Olson from 2004 until her appointment to the Ninth Circuit.

Judge Friedland maintains her chambers in San Francisco, California.

## IN MEMORY OF JUDGE ARTHUR L. ALARCÓN



**AUGUST 14, 1925 – JANUARY 28, 2015**

Judge Arthur L. Alarcón passed away on January 28, 2015, at the age of 89. Judge Alarcón was born August 14, 1925 in Los Angeles, California. From 1943 to 1946 Judge Alarcón served as a Staff Sergeant for the United States Army and received a Combat Infantry Badge, Four Battle Stars, a Bronze Star, and a Purple Heart. He received a B.A. from the University of Southern California in 1949. He received his LL.B. from the University of Southern California Law School in 1951.

After law school, Judge Alarcón served as a law clerk for the Appellate Department of the Los Angeles County Superior Court. From 1952 to 1961, Judge Alarcón served as the Deputy District Attorney of Los Angeles County. Judge Alarcón served on the Governor's Special Study Commission on Narcotics from 1960 to 1964. He served as the Clemency and Extradition Secretary of the Commission from 1961 to 1962 and he served as the Executive Secretary from 1962 to 1964. In March 1964, Judge Alarcón served a temporary assignment as the Chairman for the California Adult Authority. He was nominated to a seat on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit by President Carter on August 28, 1979, and confirmed by the United States Senate on October 31, 1979. Judge Alarcón was the first Latino appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Judge Alarcón assumed senior judge status on November 21, 1992.

Judge Alarcón also taught as an Adjunct Professor at Loyola Marymount School of Law in Los Angeles, and has maintained an Adjunct Professor position at Southwestern University School of Law since 1985. Judge Alarcón was well respected by his colleagues, former chief judge of the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals claimed, “Judge Alarcón was for me the gold standard in judicial excellence.”<sup>2</sup> In 2011 Judge Alarcón co-authored “Executing the Will of the Voters: A Roadmap to Mend or End the California Legislature’s Multi-Billion-Dollar Death Penalty Debacle,” a study that examined state, federal, and local expenditures for capital cases which “estimated that the additional costs of capital trials, enhanced security on death row and legal representation for the condemned adds \$184 million to the budget each year” and forecasted the cost for maintaining the death penalty will continue to rise to \$9 billion by 2030.<sup>3</sup>

Judge Alarcón is survived by his wife of thirty-four years, Sandra, his two sons, his daughter, three grandchildren, a great-grandson, and his two sisters.

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<sup>2</sup> Esmeralda Bermudez, *Arthur L. Alarcon, 9th U.S. Circuit’s Latino judge, dies at 89*, LOS ANGELES TIMES (January 31, 2015, 11:19 AM), <http://www.latimes.com/local/obituaries/la-me-arthur-alarcon-20150201-story.html>.

<sup>3</sup> Carol J. Williams, *Death penalty costs California \$184 milion a year, study says*, LOS ANGELES TIMES (June 20, 2011), <http://articles.latimes.com/2011/jun/20/local/la-me-adv-death-penalty-costs-20110620>.